



Office of Congressman Clay Shaw

Dear friends,

We all want our children to have a future full of hope and opportunity. Nothing is more important to that future than a good education.

In Congress, I am working to make sure our children get the quality education they need. Over the last couple of years, I have voted to give our schools record amounts of funding to make sure our kid's get the best education possible.

Improving the quality of education is especially important for disadvantaged children stuck in under-performing schools. Congress has passed historic funding increases to improve schools in the areas that need it the most. We also increased funding to improve education for children with disabilities.

I will continue to look for more ways to make sure our kids have good schools.

Sincerely,

Clay Shaw

Clay Shaw
Member of Congress

P.S. Improving education is a priority for me in Congress. Please take a few minutes to read inside about what I am doing to give our kids better schools.

Investing in our Children's Future

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Congressman Clay Shaw is working to make sure schools get the funding they need.



Our children deserve an education second to none. To do that, we need to give schools and teachers the resources they need to teach our kids. Congressman Clay Shaw voted to give our schools record funding so they can give all children the best education possible.

Providing Record Funding for Education

Congressman Clay Shaw is committed to providing the funding our schools need to improve, that is why he has continued to support record amounts of federal funding for education.

- Total funding for education has increased by \$11 billion since 2001—an average increase of 11% each year.
- Federal funding for elementary and secondary education for the 2004 fiscal year is \$24.3 billion—the highest in history.
- In 2003, Florida received \$231 million to enact reforms provided by No Child Left Behind.



Increased Funding for Disadvantaged Children

A quality education is vital to giving children the opportunity to live the American Dream. Children who live in low-income areas or attend under-performing schools must not be denied the opportunity to make their dreams a reality.

Congressman Clay Shaw voted to support record funding for disadvantaged children. Title I aid for disadvantaged students in 2004 was increased to \$12.3 billion—a 41% increase over 2001 funding levels.

Improving Education for Children with Disabilities

Children with disabilities have unique education needs. We owe it to them to make sure those needs are met, and they get the education they deserve.

Congressman Shaw voted to support the Improving Education Results for Children with Disabilities Act (IDEA). This bill was passed by the House of Representatives, and will provide increased funding to improve the quality of teachers and schools for children with disabilities.

Great Teachers for Urban Schools

Clay Shaw helped pass legislation that will more than triple the amount of student loan forgiveness available to highly qualified teachers who commit to teaching in high-need schools for five years. This will mean more qualified math and science teachers in our urban classrooms.

Highly Qualified Teachers

The House of Representatives passed legislation to strengthen teacher training programs at America's teacher colleges. The Ready to Teach Act (H.R. 2211) reauthorizes teacher training programs to ensure the teachers of tomorrow are highly qualified to meet the needs of our students.

Advancing Early Childhood Education

Because children in Head Start really should get a head start, the House passed the School Readiness Act to provide much needed reforms. The Act (H.R. 2210) would reauthorize Head Start for the next five years, add an additional \$202 million dollars in funding and increase requirements for teacher quality and training.